

Dear GAE Committee:

I am deeply concerned about the implications of both of these bills. Redefining the meaning of personal "illness" in the granting of an absentee ballot opens the door to unlimited access thus opening wide the opportunity for election fraud.

I treasure with all my heart the assurance that my vote in any election counts for its full undiluted value. We must at all costs safeguard free and fair election procedures. If we do not, fewer will find it worthy of their interest or time to participate in the democratic process that has made our nation a beacon of freedom for the world.

I am passionately opposed to these two bills, and I hope you will vote "No" on both of them.

Thank you,

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